

REMARKS

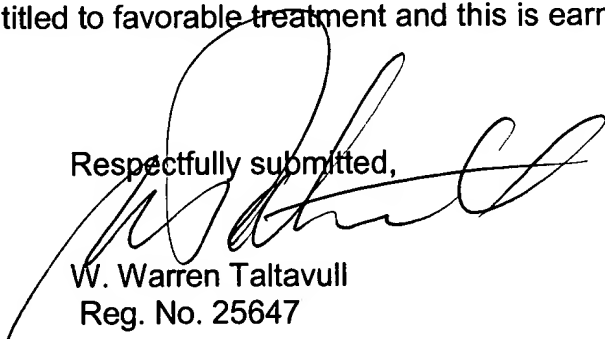
Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The indication of allowable subject matter in original claims 3 and 7 is gratefully acknowledged. In accord with this indication, the language of claim 3 and allowance of amended claim 1 is believed warranted for the reasons set forth in the Office action. Each of the points raised under Section 112 has been addressed above and the suggestions of the Examiner adopted. Claim 7 has been amended to cure the informality noted in the Office action and to cover the five cone angles disclosed at page 5, line 15-26 of the specification. Since these amendments are more limiting, it is submitted that the reasons for allowance set out in the Office action still apply.

New claim 12 is entitled to favorable action as this claim is directed specifically to the open carbon micro-cones for storage of hydrogen and this feature is not found in any of the cited patents and none suggest any teaching of this concept.

Having addressed all of the points raised in the Office action, it is believed that the application is now entitled to favorable treatment and this is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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